

FOREWORD

In Plant Life of Alabama, written by Dr. Charles Mohr and published in 1901, there are descriptions of 2400 species and varieties of flowering plants. Of these, 180 are described as trees of which 150 were considered to be of commercial importance.

One hundred native trees are described in this manual. They include the important commercial tree species of Alabama, plus some flora that are quite limited in their range and use. This list of trees was compiled from the following sources: Monograph 9, Economic Botany of Alabama, Part 2 (1928) by Roland M. Harper; Forest Trees of Alabama (1949) by Ivan R. Martin, Extension Forester, Wilber B. DeVall, Head, Forestry Department, Auburn University; Manual of Trees of North America (1922) by Charles Sprague Sargent; and Check List of Native and Naturalized Trees of the United States Including Alaska (1953) by Elbert H. Little, United States Department of Agriculture Handbook No. 41.

The following additional publications were consulted in preparing the tree descriptions: Pennsylvania's Trees by Joseph S. Illick; Trees of New York State, Native and Naturalized by H. P. Brown; Louisiana Trees and Shrubs by Clair A. Brown; and West _____ Trees by A. B. Brooks; The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees by Elbert L. Little; and Guide to Southern Trees by Ellwood S. Harrar and J. George Harrar.

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